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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, SEPTEMBER 9

1. PRESS COVERART OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT 9 SEPTEMBER WAS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED FROM THE PAST WEEK IN BOTH ENGLISH AND ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILIES. THE KUWAIT TIMES CARRIED ONLY ONE ARTICLE ABOUT THE SUMMIT ON THE FRONT PAGE WITH NO PICTURES. THE ARAB TIMES RAN THREE ARTICLES, TWO ON THE FRONT PAGE. THE THEMES OF THE ARTICLES WERE "LEAKS BY THE ISRAELIS ABOUT ISRAELI-U.S. POSITIONS IN THE SUMMIT TALKS, AND TRAVELER REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF MASSIVE ISRAELI TROOLA BUILD-UPS ALONG THE ISRAELI-JORDANIAN BORDER. THE THIRD ARTICLE WAS A SUMMARY OF OTHER PRESS COVERAGE, NOTING THAT THE SECRECY SURROUNDING CAMP DAVID WAS REDUCED NEWS STORIES ABOUT THE SUMMIT.

2. NEW THEMES IN THE ARABIC LANGUAGE PRESS WERE BEGIN'S REPORTED "NEW IDEAS" REGARDING THE WEST BANK PALESTINIANS, AND THE STORY OF A PLANE OVERFLYING  
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CAMP DAVID WITH A SIGN READING, "PALESTINIANS ARE NECESSARY TO PEACE."

3. AL QABAS CARRIED A REPORT FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, JULES KAJIAN, TITLED, "NEW BEGIN IDEAS: ELECTION IN THE WEST BANK, FORMATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ISRAELI ARMY GIVES PEACEKEEPING ROLE TO ARAB POLICEMEN."

THE STORY LEADS WITH, "THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT TALKS FACED THEIR FIRST MAIN OBSTACLE WHEN BEGIN PRESENTED WHAT THE ISRAELI DELEGATION DESCRIBED AS "NEW IDEAS," IN WHICH HE DECLARES (1)"NO PALESTINIAN STATE, (2) ISRAELI ARMY WILL REMAIN IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA INDEFINITELY, AND (3) ISRAEL RETAINS ITS RIGHT TO SOVEREIGNTY."

4. THE OTHER FOUR ARAB DAILIES CARRIED MUCH THE SAME THEME WITH DIFFERENT ANGLES. AL RAI AL AM RAN A REUTER'S STORY QUOTING A "SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL" AS SAYING THAT "IF THE ARABS WANT PEACE, THEY HAVE TO DISCARD THE PLO, TELL ITS LEADERS THAT THEY HAVE NO FUTURE, AND TURN THEIR BACK ON ARAB NATIONALISM."

5. EDITORIALS: OF ALL LOCAL PAPERS ONLY THREE ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILIES CARRIED EDITORIALS ABOUT CAMP DAVID. THIS IS LESS EDITORIAL COVERAGE THAN IN PREVIOUS WEEKS. THE THREE EDITORIALS, ALL CRITICAL OF CAMP DAVID, ARE FROM PAPERS USUALLY CRITICAL OF U.S. MID EAST POLICIES:

(A) AL QABAS: THE EDITOR WRITES THAT THE LEBANESE ARE MISTAKENLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT AND THE CHANCES FOR STABILITY IN LEBANON. THIS OPTIMISM IS A "MIRAGE" AND CAMP DAVID CANNOT STABILIZE THE LEBANESE SITUATION WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE SOVIETS "WHO ARE STILL CAPABLE OF TOPPLING THE (NEGOTIATING) TABLE IN LEBANON  
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AND OTHER AREAS IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

(B) AL WATAN: IN ANSWER TO HIS OWN QUESTION "WHO WILL TOPPLE THE NEGOTIATING TABLE," THE EDITOR WRITES THAT THE SOVIETS WILL DO SO WHEN ALL PARTIES "REALIZE THAT THERE WILL BE NO PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE THE NEGOTIATIONS." IF THE ARABS LOSE THEIR RIGHTS, THE WRITER WARNS, "A SPARK OF ARAB-ISRAELI FRICTION IS ENOUGH FOR THE SOVIETS TO THROW THEIR WEIGHT, THIS TIME AS SAVIOURS, AS THEY DID IN THE AFRICAN HOR, CUBA AND AFGHANISTAN."

(C) AL RAI AL AM: EDITORIAL CHARGES THAT THE U.S. AND EGYPT HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON ARAB NATIONALISM AND THAT THE U.S. IS DELIBERATELY IGNORING SYRIA. THE EDITOR DOUBTS THAT OTHER ARAB LEADERS ARE CAPABLE OF REJECTING ARAB NATIONALISM, FOR IF THEY DID, THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A "FIENDISH AMERICAN/ISRAELI PLAN" WHICH WOULD FORCE THE PALESTINIANS AND OTHER ARABS TO JOIN THE SOVIET FRONT IN THE AREA.  
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